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## Messages

### 1 [ASNC Meeting of the Board of Representatives Monday August 25](#)

Fri Aug 22, 2014 9:42 pm (PDT) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)

Meeting of the Board of Representatives

Monday August 25, 2014 · 7:00 p.m. · Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

A G E N D A

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL (Secretary)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 min.)

The public may provide comments to the board on nonagenda items within the Neighborhood Councils subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)

5. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES (10 min.)  
PRESENTATIONS

6. LOS ANGELES CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS (5 min.) Saturday, September 20  
7:45am to 4pm: celebrations, workshops and training for Neighborhood Councils at City Hall. ASNC will be singled out for an award honoring outstanding work in the area of Outreach. <http://nccongressla.com>

7. LUMMIS HOME Q&A (15 min.) Occidental College Director of Communication Jim Tranquada ([jtranqua@oxy.edu](mailto:jtranqua@oxy.edu)) gives a short update on the negotiation with the Department of Rec & Parks for Occidental College to assume the occupancy of this historic resource in the Sycamore Grove area, followed by questions and feedback from stakeholders as time permits.  
OLD BUSINESS for discussion and possible action

8. HOW AN IDEA BECOMES AN ASNC MOTION (Harragin) Brief training on the how to write and submit a motion for submission to the ASNC Board through <http://www.asnc.us/agendarequest.html>, including the latest information on funding requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or public comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.

A. BUILDING APPLICATION NOTICE (PLUC) Motion: The ASNC Board supports a change to the building application process to allow for earlier notification to the Neighborhood Councils so that community input can be provided sooner in the process to enable more appropriate development. This motion for change will be directed to relevant departments, Council offices and the Mayor.

B. MT. WASHINGTON/GLASSELL PARK SPECIFIC PLAN (MWGPSP) ALTERATION (PLUC) Motion: The ASNC Board requests relevant departments, Council offices and the Mayor that the Mt. Washington/Glassell Park Specific Plan be modified to indicate PLUC on their form (in regards to a

checkoff box for neighborhood group support) AND to provide PLUC applications in electronic form (PDF) at time of application to ensure ASNC's input in the process.

C. WEST POINT DRIVE DEVELOPMENT (PLUC) Motion: The ASNC Board supports the 9 building applications on West Point Drive in Mt. Washington as currently configured and will so notify the City Planning Department. The ASNC Board would like to commend the applicants in their efforts to engage with their neighbors and their consideration of differentiated structures per the Specific Plan. The ASNC Board requests the applicants keep the PLUC up to date with design details as they develop through the City's approval process. We also recommend they create a website as a forum for keeping the neighborhood abreast of what they conceive of as a potential 3-to-5-year-long project.

Plans and elevations: <http://www.asnc.us/committees-2014/PLUC/Aug2014.html>

D. UNFINISHED RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS (PLUC) Motion: The ASNC Board will draft a letter to relevant departments, Council offices and the Mayor expressing concerns about unfinished building projects as potential safety hazards and a blight on their respective neighborhoods, requesting information about what can be done to prevent this from occurring and how to mitigate the effects of current abandoned building sites.

E. 3835 GLENALBYN DRIVE (PLUC) Motion: The ASNC Board notifies the City Planning Department that we withhold our recommendation regarding the project at 3835 Glenalbyn Drive based on applicants refusal to notify neighbors and the apparent illegal removal of two significant trees: one eucalyptus and one native black walnut.

F. 852 ONEONTA DRIVE (PLUC) Motion: The ASNC Board approves the building application for 852 Oneonta Drive on the basis of finding nothing non-conforming code-wise though unremarkable in appearance and to recommend the city ensures that the landscaping requirement specifically screening the downhill portion of the building is adhered to.

NEW BUSINESS for discussion and possible action

#### 10. TREASURER'S REPORT (Budget & Finance)

A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES Motion: The ASNC approves the monthly financial statement and bank card statement.

B. ANNUAL BUDGET UPDATE Motion: The ASNC approves updates to Annual Budget submitted in June.

C. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE Motion: The ASNC approves updates to Strategic Plan submitted in June.

D. SELF-ASSESSMENT Motion: The ASNC approves 2013-14 Self-Assessment.

E. OUTREACH SURVEY Motion: The ASNC approves 2014-15 Outreach Survey.

F. BUDGET DAY REPORT The Budget Reps' account of the event of August 16, 2014.

11. SAFE MOVES EVENT AT LATONA SCHOOL (Public Safety, Outreach, Budget & Finance) Motion: The ASNC Board approves \$1000 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant paid to Safe Moves, a non-profit organization headquartered in the San Fernando Valley, to promote bicycle and traffic safety instruction at Latona Elementary School for all ASNC area school children and parents, on a Saturday in the Fall to be determined. Note: Total cost of event is \$1500; the balance will come from non-ASNC sources.

12. YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (Education & Youth) Motion: The ASNC Board supports the Education and Youth Committee's Youth Civic Engagement Project to work with local schools and churches to develop and implement a program for children to learn about local government and have opportunities to work with the ASNC on issues that interest and concern them, requiring expenditure of up to \$250 drawn from the Outreach category at Quick'r Print'r for flyers and other materials in order to publicize the project to school administrators, teachers and other potential partners.

13. PALETA DAY IN SYCAMORE GROVE PARK (Outreach, Budget & Finance, Sycamore Grove Local Issues) Motion: The ASNC Board approves \$285.75 in expenditures from Outreach as follows: flyers from Quick'r Print'r (\$150.42), dry ice from Smart & Final (\$41.03) and 252 paletas from La Palma Ice Cream, Inc. 3200 N. Figueroa (\$94.29) for Paleta Day to be held on Saturday September 13 at Sycamore Park from 11 to 1pm to engage stakeholders with their local ASNC representatives

14 HOMELESS TOWNHALL Motion: The ASNC Board will hold a forum to discuss homeless concerns within the Arroyo Seco community, including appropriate experts to answer stakeholder questions, organized by the Communications & Outreach Committee with input from the Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee.

15 RUMINANT BRUSH CLEARANCE (Hermon Local Issues) Motion: The ASNC Board will send a letter of support to appropriate City departments suggesting greater use of goats as an ecological alternative to weed-whippers or rototilling and other land-disruptive abatements to remove brush from steep hillside areas during fire code clearance season (as used along Avenue 59 Via Marisol in Hermon in June/July).

16. MONTEREY HILLS COMMUNITY GARDEN (Monterey Hills Local Issues) Motion: The ASNC Board will write a letter to Councilman Huizar supporting the development of a Community Garden on Parcel S in Monterey Hills.

17. UTILITY BOX BEAUTIFICATION (Recreation, Culture, Arts) Motion: The ASNC Board supports the development of a beautification and outreach plan to appropriately decorate the 17 grey utility boxes in the ASNC area, working with local artists and community groups.

18. COMMITTEE REPORTS Updates from Committee Chairs.

19. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the Board is September 22, 2014.

Funding requests: Unless otherwise stated in the approved motion, any funds appropriated for community projects as a result of this meeting's actions: (1) will be drawn from the 2013-14 ASNC budget; and, (2) under ASNC standing rules, expenditure of any such funds must begin WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, or the appropriation will automatically lapse.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or adjusted in the interest of fairness, by the presiding officer of the Board.

The agenda is posted for public review at Mount Washington Elementary School Bulletin Board (3981 San Rafael Ave., 90065) as well as the ASNC's official Website at [www.ASNC.us](http://www.ASNC.us), and distributed via the ASNCAAlert Yahoo Group (opt-in E-mail listserv). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (ASNC Project Coordinator), at (213) 978-1551.

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Process for Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its actions on items listed on the agenda in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

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## 2 **Tiny Eagle Rock Museum Wins a \$100,000 Prize**

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You may have trouble finding it, but the Los Angeles Museum of Art is proving to be the little museum that could

Posted on 8/21/2014 9:50:00 AM by Fiona Ng

The Los Angeles Museum of Art is proving to be the little museum that could. Founded by local sculptor Alice Könitz in 2012, the tiny museum has won a major prize: the 2014 Made in L.A. Mohn Award, which comes with a \$100,000 payout.

"The first thing I'm gonna do: find a new studio with an outside area for the museum. I'll probably spend the rest on making art," Könitz said when we caught up with her after the Hammer Museum announced the prize on Tuesday. She's had to look for new digs to house LAMOA, which was based outside of her Eagle Rock studio until recently, when the building was sold. Along with two other artist-run spaces we featured LAMOA in the August issue of Los Angeles.

New location aside, the current incarnation of LAMOA as a 9-by-12 1/2-foot structure will remain the same. Its mobility and size have created interesting curatorial possibilities for Könitz. "I could imagine showing LAMOA at different institutions, like the residency that it's doing now at the Armory Center or possibly building a few more display systems with curated shows like the ones at the Hammer Museum."

Place and meaning have been throughlines in Könitz's body of work. For a piece she created for the 2008 Whitney Biennial, Könitz "raffled" off a strip of the 2 Freeway, turning a nondescript piece of concrete into a vacation destination and giving new meaning to an otherwise forgettable space. LAMOA follows in that spirit.

Könitz wanted to support artists who she thought deserved an audience but weren't being shown widely in L.A. The most direct way to help, she decided, was to build her own exhibition space. That DIY ethos won over the three-person jury at the Hammer Museum's Made in L.A. biennial.

A statement from the jury, which was made up of curators from around country, explained the rationale:



"Könitz's Los Angeles Museum of Art stands out as an exemplar of an artistic practice that not only affects other artists through collaboration but enriches the art community through questioning the purpose and role of a museum."

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### 3 **Save the Date - Two New Exhibits at Cactus Gallery, 9/13/14**

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Patricia Krebs at Cactus Gallery

We are pleased to present "Romance in the Residual Realm," an exhibit featuring artist Patricia Krebs. This will be Patricia's 7th solo show for Cactus Gallery.

Romance is not necessarily tied to a love story. In fact, it may refer to a literary genre of epic stories, often filled with fantasy creatures, where perhaps a hero goes on a quest. Romanticism may also refer to an artistic movement, one arising from a reaction against the scientific rationalization of nature. The movement validated intense emotion and spontaneity as an authentic source of the aesthetic experience and harnesses the power of the imagination to escape the confines of industrialization.

In "Romance of the Residual Realm," our heroine finds herself in a world destroyed, on a quest to recreate and give new meaning to whatever was left. In the same way as the narrative, Krebs created these works with remnants and abandoned elements, including canvases and paint that other artists have discarded. Please join us to celebrate Patricia's journey!

Opening reception: Saturday, September 13, 2014 \* 4p-10p  
Show runs: September 13 - October 5, 2014

Opening reception will be in conjunction with the 9th Annual Frogtown Artwalk.  
More info below.

To be put on the preview list and for pre-sale info, contact Sandra at [semastroianni70@yahoo.com](mailto:semastroianni70@yahoo.com).

Cactus Gallery and the Frogtown Artwalk

We are pleased to participate in the 9th Annual Frogtown Art Walk and have put together a group show that explores the symbolism of our neighborhood's namesake - frogs!

Frogs and their symbolism vary greatly depending on different cultures and religions. These creatures

are popular in fairy tales, folklore, and are often linked to rebirth, renewal, and spiritual evolution. They are seen as good luck and because of their life cycle, are symbols for metamorphosis and transformation.

Opening reception is in conjunction with Patricia Krebs annual solo show:  
Saturday, September 13, 2014 \* 4p-10p

For more info on this huge art walk and all the activities that will be taking place: [www.frogtownarts.com](http://www.frogtownarts.com)

To be put on the preview list and for pre-sale info, contact Sandra at [semastroianni70@yahoo.com](mailto:semastroianni70@yahoo.com).

#### Cactus Gallery Info

Cactus Gallery will be OPEN by APPOINTMENT ONLY  
during the month of AUGUST.  
Our regular weekend hours will resume Saturday, September 6 - 11a-5p.

Over 200 original works on display!  
[www.cactusgalleryla.com](http://www.cactusgalleryla.com)  
[www.cactusgallery.blogspot.com](http://www.cactusgallery.blogspot.com)

Email Sandra at [semastroianni70@yahoo.com](mailto:semastroianni70@yahoo.com) or call 323.801.8669 for a visit or for purchase information.

We accept all forms of payment and the gallery is open to installment plans to help you grow your collection.

Cactus Gallery :: ART for the PEOPLE  
3001 North Coolidge Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039  
323.801.8669

Thanks again for your continued support of the arts and for choosing  
Cactus Gallery and the artists we believe in!

Cactus Gallery, established in 2005, is a vibrant Latino owned and operated gallery. Our space is an eclectic mix of contemporary, traditional, and folk art. The gallery is dedicated to promoting the talents of emerging artists, while focusing on craftsmanship, accessibility, and artistry. We believe in community and are passionate about supporting all things handcrafted.

Follow us on these social networks; new art posted regularly!

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#### 4 **Stoppin' by The Frog Spot this Weekend?**

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So glad to have LA Weekly visit The Frog Spot last week to chat with Lewis MacAdams, FoLAR's co-founder and president. On Saturday morning, FoLAR will close the patio for a private event at the site UNTIL 12:30PM, but we will still provide free water and public restrooms at the entrance if you are riding by.

The full "Frog Spot Experience" will be in effect Saturday afternoon, and we'll be open our usual 8AM - 4PM on Sunday. Enjoy free wi-fi, a bocce court, refreshments and a lovely view of the Los Angeles River at our pop-up visitor center along the bike path in Elysian Valley. Follow the signs to 2825 Benedict Street, LA 90039 near Newell Street.

On Saturday nights from 5-8PM, The Frog Spot hosts a weekly fundraiser for Friends of the Los Angeles River entitled, SUNSET AT THE OASIS, which was highlighted in this week's LAist Weekend Planner. A \$15 donation to FoLAR river programs offers live music in our open-air lounge with light snacks and beer, wine or soda. All ages are welcome, and dogs are allowed. Come at start time, because the music is THAT GOOD!

PERFORMING SATURDAY, AUG 23:

LIFE

A hypnotic hybrid of rock 'n' roll, pop, R&B, funk, ska and indie.

As founders of SoCal favorite, Tomorrows Bad Seeds, Moi, Matt, and Sean engaged a diehard fan base playing stints on Warped Tour. The band, LIFE, is a natural evolution of West Coast indie rock from these soulful Hermosa Beach natives.

Perro Bravo

Traditional Long Beach Rock and Reggae

Perro Bravo played at The Frog Spot a few weeks ago despite some rare raindrops, and FoLAR is thrilled to welcome them back. LA River enthusiasts from Long Beach, Michael "Miguel" Happoldt, Mike Long and Greg "Mudd" Lowther bring an unmistakeable rock pedigree to their sound.

Lewis MacAdams, Host of Sunset at the Oasis  
FoLAR Co-Founder & President

Lewis MacAdams is a poet, journalist, and filmmaker who envisioned FoLAR as a "forty-year artwork" to bring the Los Angeles River back to life. He feels his work will be done when the Steelhead Trout run returns to the River.

Photo by William Preston Bowling

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323 351-8677  
[www.thefrogspot.org](http://www.thefrogspot.org)  
@TheFrogSpot

From Riverside Drive, take Newell Street northeast until it ends. A quick right on the bike path will lead you to The Frog Spot. Easy street parking on the weekends.

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## 5 SCHOOL OF SELF-RELIANCE UPDATES

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### CLASSES BY CHRISTOPHER

We've updated our Schedule at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com) through the end of the year. There are still a few open dates that we'll fill in soon.

Hope to see you on a Wild Food Outing, Survival Skills Intensive, or a Weaponry Workshop THIS WEEKEND, or one of our many craft classes.

Remember: We offer special walks and talks to your school, church, scouting group, or even private consultations. Just let us know your needs.

### BARBARA KOLANDER CLASSES

Barbara leads wild food classes in the Crestline area. Her next is Sunday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m., a Wild Food Cooking workshop. Call her at 909) 436-4863 for details, or email [wildmtnwoman@live.com](mailto:wildmtnwoman@live.com).

### ELEMENTS

Just got back from the Elements Gathering in Sequoia National Forest. You can look at some of the photos at Facebook, Elements Gathering.

### NEW BOOKS

In spring, "Guide to Wild Foods and Useful Plants" was released in all-color. We think you'll really enjoy it.

And just last month, the all-new, all-color "Foraging California" was released. This is an excellent guide to the wild foods of California.

These two books are very complementary, and you can get them at bookstores, from Amazon, or from our Store at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com).

Also, the second expanded and revised edition of "How to Survive Anywhere" is now available. You can get it from bookstores, Amazon, and from our Store. The book has new graphics, and lots of new photos in most sections. You'll really like it.

Are you a Kindle user? A few months ago, we posted "Squatter in Los Angeles" on Kindle, the true story of Christopher's year and a half as a squatter, where he practiced and researched many self-reliance skills. It's an interesting read, and probably not what you will expect.

### YOUTUBE

Have you noticed our Youtube videos? Go to YouTube and click on "Christopher Nyerges" and you should be able to find most of them.

Questions? Just send them along! Hope to see you on the trail!

Christopher Nyerges <christopher\_nyerges@yahoo.com>

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## 6 Professional Development-Altar Making Workshop

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Day of the Dead

Altar Making Workshop

Join us for a fun evening where you will learn: history of Day of the Dead, altar installation, papel picado and paper flower making.

Monday, September 8th, 2014, 6:30 -9.30 PM at:

Avenue 50 Studio, 131 North Avenue 50, Highland Park, CA 90042

All supplies are provided. Fee \$ 60 per person

(space limited, register early) call: Kathy Gallegos: 323 258-1435

[www.avenue50studio.org](http://www.avenue50studio.org)

3 Hours of Professional Development Credit for LAUSD-UTLA teachers.

With Instructors:

Ricardo Reyes, History of Altars

Victor Solis, Altar Installation, Paper Flower Making

Margaret Sosa, Papel Picado

Workshop participants will be invited back to collaborate on an altar at the Avenue 50 Annex Gallery.

Kathleen Gallegos

Avenue 50 Studio, Inc.

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Highland Park, CA 90042

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## 7 Homeless people migrating from downtown to County-USC, study finds

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Cleanups and enforcement on skid row have sent homeless people to neighborhoods with less scrutiny

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by Gale Holland

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Homeless people squeezed out of downtown Los Angeles are migrating to nearby Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights, where they are seeking refuge in the emergency room and on the grounds of Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, according to a six-month study released Thursday..

One in five homeless people surveyed as part of the community-needs assessment study said they either stay on the hospital grounds or in lobby areas, or use the medical center as a base, the study found.

Many come for medical services and remain because it is safer than surrounding neighborhoods, hospital staff said. Homeless men on average use the hospital emergency room seven times a year, and homeless women twice yearly, according to the survey findings.

Earlier studies have shown that providing housing for homeless people is far less costly to taxpayers than paying to cycle them in and out of emergency rooms.

"The emergency room has unfortunately become a place of last resort for many of our house-less neighbors," said Zelenne L. Cardenas, director of prevention services at Social Model Recovery Systems Inc., which conducted the \$30,000 county-funded study.

A town hall is scheduled Thursday for nonprofit agencies, government offices, medical and mental health and substance abuse programs to discuss strategies to fix the situation.

Downtown Los Angeles has seen a rebirth in recent years, with luxury lofts and swank bars and bistros sprouting in a long-moribund part of the city.

Cardenas said in an email that the development has triggered government cleanups and enforcement that propel homeless people to areas "where their mere presence does not involve such vigorous scrutiny," such as the Eastside, thus "making 'ending homelessness' ever more difficult to achieve." Cheryl Grills of Loyola Marymount's Psychology Applied Research Center, who analyzed the study data, said the homeless people were familiar with skid row shelters and services, demonstrating they had previously stayed there.

The city and county of Los Angeles have recently pooled resources to bring more intensive and better-coordinated mental health services and medical attention to homeless people during stepped-up cleanups on skid row.

The study surveyed 114 homeless people, as well as Eastside residents, and cross-checked the results against police data, park observations and exit interviews from a drug abuse treatment center, Grills said. There is no recent count of the total number of homeless people in the area, she added.

The study found that 44% of the homeless population in the area are Latinos and 31% are African

American. About 36% had family in the area, the study found.

"The homeless residents in the vicinity of County-USC are not a transient group," Grills said. "Many have been there four-plus years."

Hospital administrator Cecil Clark said the homeless presence at County-USC began growing four years ago.

Cardenas said Los Angeles is not alone. Emergency rooms in Atlanta, San Francisco and other cities serving as de facto homeless shelters have also been documented, she said.

Neighborhood residents also surveyed as part of the study expressed concern about drug dealing and public drinking in Lincoln and Hazard parks, and liquor stores selling alcohol to obviously drunk people.

Cardenas said many of the homeless people in the area have mental health or medical disabilities or addictions that prevent them from leaping directly into productive lives.

"A lot of people we surveyed are not ready to jump into the work-force environment," she said. "A lot of our homeless neighbors spend a lot of time alone; building that trust and reliance and self-confidence takes a lot of time."

Cardenas said town hall organizers hope to get the homeless people into "meaningful activities" such as volunteer work with agencies including Homeboy Industries, Volunteers of America or Chrysalis, a skid-row job agency.

"This is not just a hospital problem," Clark said. "The problem is greater than that."

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Submitted by El Plan Del Southwest Museum

The results of the following questionnaire will assist to inform the conversation regarding the future of the Southwest Museum. All results will be made public. Please download the questionnaire, fill it out and either PDF it back to the email below or mail it to the address in the questionnaire. We are requesting the public complete the survey by Sunday, August 31.

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Carlos Arellano | Photo courtesy Brenda Castello

By LUCY GUANUNA

As police continue their search for three suspects responsible for last week's fatal stabbing in Echo Park, the owner of a Highland Park pet grooming shop where the victim had once worked will host a fundraiser on Sunday for the slain man's family.

Groom to Bloom is seeking donations to cover the funeral costs of Highland Park resident Carlos Arellano, 22, who was fatally stabbed a week ago today as Echo Park was crowded with visitors attending the Echo Park Rising music festival. Arellano and his girlfriend were walking on Sunset near Laveta Terrace at about 11:30 p.m. when he was approached by three men coming from the opposite direction. Witnesses said he tried to defend himself with a skateboard he was carrying before he was fatally stabbed in the stomach area .

"It was such a senseless crime," said grooming store owner Brenda Castello, who described Arellano as a loyal and sweet employee. "I've know the family personally for seven years. They are good people and we felt we needed to do something to help the family.

"He was not the gang type or the type to get in fights, but he was always a skater, so I do believe the story that he would defend himself with his skateboard," said Castello. She remained friends with Arellano after he left her shop about two years ago to start another job and begin studying to become a chef.

The fundraiser on Sunday, August 24 will be held at 9 a.m. at Groom to Bloom, located at 6185 N Figueroa St. in Highland Park. People are encouraged to bring their pets for grooming. Employees will be volunteering their time and all proceeds will go to the Arellano family.

Meanwhile, police are seeking the public's help in solving the crime. At least one witness told officers that one of the three suspects punched Arellano in the jaw. He then swung his skateboard at the three men before he was stabbed, falling to the ground as his girlfriend screamed.

Police have been working with gang detectives to find the suspects and are conducting probation checks throughout the neighborhood's known gang members. They are also searching through surveillance camera footage. Police have put up flyers around the neighborhood where the incident happened in the hopes that witnesses will come forward.

"There were many people at the festival and there were a lot of people around when this happened but only a handful of people will come forward," said LAPD homicide detective Lisa Governo. "We want people to call if they saw anything."

The phone number for the Northeast Division station is (323) 344-5701.

A skateboard taped to a lamppost was part of a sidewalk memorial taking shape on Sunset boulevard Lucy Guanuna has reported on a variety of issues, including business, education and social justice movements in her native Los Angeles. Her work has been published in the Daily Sundial, L.A. Activist, and the San Fernando Valley Business Journal.

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Submitted by LA River Expeditions

Racers are needed for the first ever LA River Boat Race Aug. 30. Kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddleboarders will compete for the sheer thrill of it on a mostly flatwater course. The whole thing should take you between between six and ten minutes. Organizer LA River Expeditions wants the event to be playful and inclusive. So participation is donation-based with kayak and gear provided on request. Sign up and more details [here](#).

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Submitted by Michael World of the Dodgeball Society

Catch the fun and join a Dodgeball league today. Frogtown Thursday Night league begins August 28th. Teams are co-ed and play with no-sting rubber balls to the best/worst music of all times. Bust out the spandex and join as a loner or with friends. Postgame clubhouse is the Cha Cha Lounge. For details on how to join the fun visit us here <http://www.dodgeball4ever.com/balls/staypuft-frogtown-home>

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#### President's Message

Back in the Hood: There was no July eLetter with my name on it since Mike and I took our mid year vacation during July. I have some reluctance to use so much ink on something as personal as our travels in this eLetter. However, many readers have indicated they enjoy the tales of travel. Perhaps the lesson is, be careful what you ask for.

Our journey this year was an interesting mix of small towns and huge historic cities. The first few days were spent with friends in New York City where we caught a couple of plays, a few dinners and visited the high-line, an innovative park that has been created in Chelsea, re-purposing abandoned elevated railroad tracks. It is an amazing creation of greenness and tranquility in a bustling city. Check out the images at <http://www.thehighline.org>. This park would not exist were it not for a few people having a vision and doing something about it. In 1999 they formed a group known as the "Friends of the Highline." They had a very creative plan for how these tracks, slated for demolition, could be put to better use. Without their efforts it is very likely millions would have been spent to remove the elevated tracks and Chelsea would be deprived of this beautiful and much needed park. Never underestimate what a few visionary and motivated people can do!

#### Fourth of July Parade in Hyde Park

Leaving New York City, the largest city in the USA and the 8th largest in the world, we traveled with our friends upstate to Hyde Park, the quintessential small town USA, with a population of approximately 20,000. For comparison, Eagle Rock's population is about 35,000. The train ride from New York City to Hyde Park, much of it with views of the Hudson River, is absolutely beautiful. We were once again warmly welcomed to our friend's annual 4th of July family reunion. Hyde Park's greatest claim to fame is being the hometown of President Roosevelt. In the past we have toured his home, which is beautifully situated on the Hudson River and feels like a real home in spite of its grandeur. Eleanor's more modest cottage on the property depicts a lady who lived well but simply. The 4th of July it rained almost the entire day. But that did not deter the Hyde Park Parade from stepping off on-time. Even in the rain the parade included great representations from the PTA, the fire department, the Elks, the local towing company, a regional radio station and so many other Hyde Parkers. It was so nice to be in a community that cherishes its small town qualities as much as we do in Eagle Rock.

#### Queen Mary 2

The next step on our month long journey was to return to New York City and board the Queen Mary 2, becoming temporary citizens of a community of approximately 3,800, traveling from Brooklyn, New York

to Southampton, England. Launched in 2003, the QM-2 is the first major ocean liner built since the Queen Elizabeth 2 in 1969. It has a different feel than the many cruise ships we have experienced. Most significantly, it is considered an ocean liner rather than a cruise ship since it was built expressly for trans-Atlantic crossings. The design includes a heavier hull, sleek upper decks with no pools or other passenger amenities that might be an issue in high seas, a high bow and other structural considerations that are designed to deal with severe weather on the open seas. The combination of the stately interior design and the hierarchy between passengers based on cabin class supports Cunard's goal of preserving the elegance and the overall experience of ocean travel of the past. The first time I saw a passenger walking her poodle on the deck, I knew this would be a different experience. There is a full kennel on board. Pets have documentation, similar to passports, removing the need for them to be quarantined when they reach Southampton. Our cabin was moderately priced, comfortable, attractive, and with a veranda, located low on deck 4 - which is considered almost steerage. Because of our low level in the passenger hierarchy, we were restricted from entering certain restaurants, lounges, and areas of the deck. However, those areas open to one and all (only 15% of passengers book upper-priced cabins) were quite nice. There was a wonderful level of camaraderie everywhere on the ship. A brief ride on an elevator often resulted in conversation and sitting at a bar ensured you would learn another's story before your cocktail was finished. Almost every night a big band played and ballroom dancing was re-born. The ballroom was staffed with several Cunard employees, there to trip the light fantastic with ladies who lacked a partner. Mike got to enjoy the dance floor (he's a great dancer) but sadly I know nothing about ballroom dancing other than loving the big band sound. The crossing was lots of fun, met many new great people, and the ocean was so smooth, we rarely saw a whitecap. After seven days at sea we arrived in Southampton with no jet lag. How great is that?

### Ephesus

The rest of our trip, largely by cruise ship, included three incredible cities; Rome, Athens and Venice. As we arranged to travel from the ship to the airport for a flight to Rome we were shocked by the cost of ground transportation. Whilst (as the British would say) on the ship prices for drinks, special meals, etc. are comparable to US prices. However, we quickly learned how very expensive our incidental expenses would be because of the weak dollar against European currencies. In Rome we treated ourselves to a 5 star hotel on the Via Veneto and largely just enjoyed being back in a city we have visited before. There is a style in everything they do that is so Italian, so wonderful. Our big accomplishment in Athens was to climb the more than 170 steps up to the Acropolis and then not fall on the treacherous surface around the Parthenon. As we traversed the Mediterranean we visited Malta, Turkey and several Greek Islands. The most remarkable historical sites we saw were Pompeii and my favorite - Ephesus.

### Venice Gondolas

The final stop on the trip before the long trek home was Venice. The photographs do not lie, this place is gorgeous. But it is also filled with so many tourists and extremely expensive. \$18 for a side of French fries caught my attention; we skipped the fries. We also skipped the traditional gondola ride. There are so many gondolas in the canals, there are often gondola jams. There are oversized gondolas that accommodate 6 or 8 passengers, not exactly the gondola experience that has been in my mind. Taking the water bus, a regular mode of transportation for locals, is much more cost effective and an excellent way to see much of the city. St. Mark's Square was beautiful but most enjoyable in the evening when the

hordes of tourists would be gone and restaurants surrounding the square would be featuring live music outside. The Doge Palace is a must see and for just a few dollars extra tickets can be purchased that allow one to skip the long lines. Entrance to this incredible Venetian / Gothic structure is regulated so you can enjoy the beauty of the place without standing shoulder to shoulder with other tourists. The biggest secret for saving a few Euros in Venice is to walk a block or two away from the main canals for a meal, to purchase memorabilia, or to visit the new Hard Rock Café - Venice.

As we traveled, security at the airports and certainly at Immigration / Border Control everywhere was definitely more comprehensive than in the past. The United States seems to have the most technically forward Immigration process. Before one approaches the Immigration Officer you scan your passport in a kiosk. It produces a receipt for each traveler that dictates what line or Immigration Officer you will see. I assume it is interrogating a data base to determine if one's passport indicates a higher level of caution should be exercised - neat! As far as airports go, we experienced LAX and the airports at Newark - New Jersey, Heathrow - England, Fiumicino - Rome, and Marco Polo - Venice. Of all of them, sadly LAX ranks at the bottom of the list.

I hope you found a shred of interest in these ramblings. We are happily back in the hood now and can once again say "yes" to the fries.

Scholl Canyon Landfill Extension - No!

Since TERA's birth, over twenty five years ago, this organization has focused on a broad array of issues that risk the quality of life in Eagle Rock. We have fought the demolition of historic properties, opposed development (residential or business) that was inappropriate for the area, opposed the growth of billboards, and fought many other issues. But none of those issues had the long-term potential to impact the health of Eagle Rockers as does the proposal to expand the life of the Scholl Canyon landfill.

TERA was one of the first to proclaim its opposition to the landfill expansion plan. Virtually all other community organizations quickly joined the opposition effort. In response to requests from Councilman Jose Huizar's office, the comment period was extended to August 29, 2014. Keeping the message out there, TERA conducted a joint press conference with the Council Office and other community leadership on Wednesday on August 20. At the press conference, which was held at the entrance to Scholl Canyon, TERA joined Councilman Huizar and other community leadership to proclaim our united opposition to the planned expansion of the landfill. Go to [KNBC\\_08-20-2014\\_1700.wmv](#) to see news coverage regarding the Press Conference.

In addition to make our voice even little louder, TERA is encouraging a statement of opposition, not just from the Council Office, but from the entire City of Los Angeles.

There are those who have the opinion that Glendale will do what Glendale wants to do, and there is little we can do to influence the outcome. We wouldn't be working as hard to make our voice heard if we believed that. There is more than one way to make this a bit more equitable than it is now. But, in the unlikely event that our efforts have no impact on the outcome, I think it is better to fight the good fight for a worthy cause than roll over and give Glendale tacit permission to diminish the quality of air in our community. Many thanks to Michelle and Luis for finding the time in their very busy lives, beyond family and work, to fight the good fight for Eagle Rock.

More information regarding this important topic is found below in the Land Use Section.

#### Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan / Eliminate Business Hours?

Recently the TERA Board voted unanimously to support the elimination of business hours from the Specific Plan. Our vote was based on the strong consensus for this action at the August 6th community meeting, the knowledge that business hours will still be regulated as they are city-wide, and the feeling that in order for our commercial corridor to be especially welcoming to small businesses, the playing field should be level for all businesses. Many thanks to Michael Tharp for providing an informed and detailed explanation (see the Land Use Section). In addition, I am pleased to share Jeffrey Samudio's email. As one of those involved when the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan was developed, I think Jeffrey's comments provide an important historical perspective.

From Jeffrey Samudio:

As an original Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Member who spent the years 1985-1992 working to draft the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan, I can attest to regressive attitudes amongst some members of the Public who submitted strong commentaries leading to the inclusion of very limiting hours of operations for some businesses within Specific Plan areas. I was also the first person elected to serve on the ERNC from District 5, 2002-2004, and a co-founder of the Eagle Rock Association (TERA), and I would like to state for the record that limitations on businesses hours of operations should be repealed.

It was not the intent, nor the desire, of the Committee or Planning Department to be so limiting for businesses to operate successfully on the Boulevard, it was rather the unfortunate past experiences of no regulation on nearly any business that led to the restrictions on business hour operations. Eagle Rock now has a successful main street and community sentiment has now matured to understand that more progressive measures to restrict negative impacts of businesses can be activated via other means and measures. Therefore, I applaud the efforts to overturn restrictions to business hour operations within all zones of the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan Area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey B. Samudio, Principal

Design Aid, Cultural Resource Management & Sustainable Design

You may view the entire Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan on TERA's website at [www.tera90041.org](http://www.tera90041.org).

Do it Now!

Try as I might, I am not able to come up with a better way to say it than "we need your support." Many thanks to all (listed below) who have already responded to our annual membership renewal campaign. If you haven't responded, please take the time to do so now. If you have never been a member, now is the time to show your support. For a membership packet (renewal or a new membership), please send an email to Marina Rimer, our membership coordinator at [membership@tera90041.org](mailto:membership@tera90041.org) or go to our website ([tera90041.org](http://tera90041.org)) and use Paypal to join immediately.

For over 25 years, the financial support of our members has allowed TERA to continue to work for the quality of life in our neighborhood. The most recent major expenditure has been a \$5,000 grant to support maintenance of new trees recently planted throughout the neighborhood. Without funds for the first two years of watering and care, those trees would not have been available to our community. It is



the modest individual contributions of many TERA members that made the grant and therefore the prospect of new trees possible.

If you are not a TERA member, and you appreciate TERA's presence in the community, then do your share; step up and become a member now! A family membership is only \$35. Email Marina, our membership coordinator, at [membership@TERA90041.org](mailto:membership@TERA90041.org) and she will send you a membership packet. Otherwise, go to <http://www.tera90041.org/>.

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Bob Gotham, President

#### Become a Member

##### Membership Has Benefits!

Discounts are available for TERA Members at participating merchants (see list below.) Look for the TERA Membership Decals at merchant locations. Just show your active membership card. Click on <http://www.tera90041.org> to see the member benefits offered by each merchant. If you are a merchant and would like to participate in this program, which includes free advertising in the e.letter, please email us at [president@tera90041.org](mailto:president@tera90041.org).

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- XTC Gym

Support TERA - Become a Member: Join now at <http://www.tera90041.org>. Memberships begin at only \$15.

#### Take Back the Boulevard Update

##### City Hall is Getting a Facelift

One of the goals of Take Back the Boulevard has been to make historic buildings on Colorado Boulevard a more prominent part of the streetscape. Arguably, historically the most important building on the Boulevard is Eagle Rock City Hall.

As I am sure you have noticed, there's lots of activity around Eagle Rock City Hall these days. The yard has been ripped up, soon to be replaced with a new drought tolerant landscape and a new, more efficient irrigation system.

The yard has been ripped up, soon to be replaced with a new drought tolerant landscape and a new, more efficient irrigation system. Professional landscape architects Allen Compton, Kerry Tribe and Chloe Renee Ziegler, are generously donating their service and leading the charge with many other community volunteers including TERA's own Maria Nazario.

The faux front doors will soon be replaced with the original doors largely rescued through an ingenious process that maintains the façade but replaces the termite infested inner layers of the doors. Night lighting will be installed so that the front of the building is illuminated at night, giving Colorado Boulevard a more welcoming and safer quality in the evening.

Not as visible from the sidewalk, but equally important, great updates are being made to the interior of the building. In the last few years our City Hall has played an increasingly important role in the life of this community. Significant expansion to the meeting areas in the building will be provided. New carpet, repainted walls, and some space more effectively repurposed will be noticed. CD14 has worked closely with Eric Warren, President of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society, to ensure that all upgrades respect the historical context of this important Eagle Rock Address. Soon after the renovations are

complete the Council Office will be conducting an open house, inviting the community to come and celebrate the re-birth of Eagle Rock City Hall.

#### New Trees on the Boulevards

Have you noticed the many new trees up and down our boulevards. They are especially noticeable on Colorado Boulevard. Be on the lookout for these important additions to our streetscape.

#### Land Use

##### Scholl Canyon Landfill Expansion Opposition

At the July 31st community meeting hosted by the City of Glendale the following talking points were made by Luis Lopez on behalf of TERA and the entire Eagle Rock Community.

More than 53 years after opening and 36 years after the site was supposed to become a large park, the Scholl Canyon Landfill (SCLF) in the City of Glendale is requesting more room. Since it was first conceived in 1958 by Los Angeles County Supervisors, the landfill's creation has pitted cities in LA County against each other. Then, as now, tension centered on the dump's access road from Los Angeles rather than Glendale.

However, TERA's concerns today are much broader than just Figueroa Street and Eagle Rock.

- Today Los Angeles is struggling to relinquish its reign as America's most polluted region.
- Today there is a new waste management paradigm which prioritizes waste prevention and recovery, and sees disposal in landfills as only a last resort.
- Today there are best-practices in landfill operations and technologies that both extend the lives of landfills and greatly reduce their pollution burden on neighboring communities.
- Today residents no longer require their governments to bear solely the burden of waste recovery. We embrace Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Compost. We want to use our local talent to transform waste to energy.

We oppose expanding the Scholl Canyon Landfill because today we know the City of Glendale, Los Angeles County and the Sanitation District can do better.

#### History

- Opened in 1961, with 397 acres. Now approximately 525 acres.
- Located in and owned by Glendale but accessed from the City of Los Angeles.
- City of LA cannot dump there. Pasadena and Glendale largest users.
- Opposed by past and present LA Councilmen, including Jose Huizar, John Holland, and Edward Roybal.

#### Expansion Proposal

- Two options for expansion: vertically as much as 17 stories and horizontally. Life extension from 2021 to at least 2040

Environmental Impact Report says Adverse Impact to Air Quality is "Unavoidable"

- LA has worst air in the country, and per American Lung Association too many pollutants harmful to health, including ozone, and particle pollution or particulate matter.
  - State and local regulation have helped LA reduce by 1/3rd its unhealthy ozone days in past 15 years.
  - Eagle Rock is more burdened by pollution than 80% of California Census Tracts. Contributing Pollution Burdens Percentiles are Traffic at 95%, Solid Waste 93%, Ozone 63%, Particulate Matter 70%, Diesel 54%, Toxic Releases 68%, and Hazardous Waste 62%. Source: Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment CalEnviroScreen
  - CalEnviroScreen shows Glendale is equally burdened.
  - DEIR find expansion would exceed ozone and particulate matter legal thresholds, and negate air quality improvement plans.
- Because SCLF hasn't implemented best practices, Scholl Canyon is worst polluter than comparable County landfills
- When compared to similar LA County Landfills, SCLF was the worst polluter of particulate matter, diesel, and toxic releases. Source: Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment CalEnviroScreen analysis

- City of Pasadena finds that DEIR is deficient partially because it doesn't conduct a health risk assessment. They state, "Simply declaring the impacts significant and unavoidable without analyzing and disclosing the potential health risks of this exceedance is not appropriate."
- City of Pasadena Public Works Department provides specific suggestions to improve idling on-road vehicles queued at the entrance gates and vehicle congestion.

Where will the trash go?

- LA County has "New Waste Management Paradigm," which prioritizes waste prevention and recovery (Reuse, Recycle, Conversion/Compost, Transforming Waste to Energy), and sees disposal in landfills as last resort.
- Los Angeles County has Conversion Technology Efforts, including an anaerobic digester project, like Glendale advocates suggest
- Councilman Huizar leads City of Los Angeles Alternative Technology Effort

#### Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan - The Community Spoke

by Michael Tharp, TERA Past President

What does Eagle Rock's Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan have that can't be found in any of the other 48 Specific Plans posted on the Department of City Planning web site? The Colorado Boulevard Specific plan has one sentence in it that says that any business that operates between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. between the northwest corner of Windermere Avenue and Colorado Boulevard on the north side of Colorado Boulevard to the intersection of Eagle Rock Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard and from there on both the north and south sides of Colorado Boulevard to Eagle Vista Drive on the north and Holbrook Street on the south are prohibited. In addition, businesses operating between the hours 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. on both sides of Colorado Boulevard from the Glendale/Los Angeles border on the east to the northwest corner of Windermere Avenue on the north side of Colorado Boulevard and southwest corner of Colorado Boulevard and Eagle Rock Boulevard on the south are also prohibited unless approved by the Northeast Area Planning Commission. This type of language is found in no other Specific Plan in the City of Los Angeles.

Whew! Now that some of the technical stuff is out of the way, what does all this really mean? It means that with a few exceptions, no businesses on most of Eagle Rock's portion of Colorado Boulevard are allowed to operate between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. What about those exceptions? We all know there are businesses along Colorado Boulevard within the Specific Plan Area that are operating after 9:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. Some of them are operating in violation of the rules and regulations of the Specific Plan. Some businesses were in operation before the Specific Plan became effective (August 9, 1992) and their operating hours were grandfathered, allowing them to operate after 9:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. Some businesses have applied for an exception to the Specific Plan restriction on operating hours, gone through a public hearing process, and been granted an exception to operate later than 9:00 p.m. and earlier than 7:00 a.m. This process can be costly; sometimes exceeding \$20,000 with no guarantee the exception will be approved.

The uneven application of this Specific Plan regulation has led to a great deal of discussion over the last several years. At the urging of a number of community groups, Councilmember Huizar introduced a motion before the City Council requesting that the Los Angeles City Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney and Council Office, report back on the feasibility of amending the hours of operation within the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan area. In May of 2014 TERA, the Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce, the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan Design Review Board (DRB), and the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) and CD 14 began discussions on whether or not this regulation should be modified to extend working hours, eliminated or left alone. The five groups agreed to sponsor a public meeting to solicit comments from Eagle Rock Stakeholders. The meeting was held at the Center for the Arts Eagle Rock on August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Turnout was good, with more than 50 stakeholders at the meeting. 13 people chose to speak and 40 of those present submitted comment cards. Of the 40 who submitted comment cards, 15 stated they believed the hours should be changed, 2 stated the hours should not be changed, and the majority (23) stated they believed the restrictive hours should be eliminated from the Specific Plan. Of the 13 people who spoke, 9 favored expanding the hours in which businesses would be permitted to operate and 4 favored doing away with the limiting hours altogether. At the end of the meeting an informal show of hands was taken. Four people favored expanding the hours; one person favored leaving the current hours in place; and the all the rest favored eliminating the hours altogether.

For the record, I personally support eliminating the restrictive hours of operation for businesses from the Specific Plan. I've given the matter a great deal of thought and feel that this alternative most benefits all of Eagle Rock. When I first moved to Eagle Rock, in the 1980's, Colorado Boulevard was home to many rundown businesses and empty store fronts. Restaurants consisted of Chinese takeout, Casa Bianca, Colombo's, Pete's, Tommy's, Cindy's, Taco Bell and a few others. There's nothing wrong with any of these restaurants but it's a pretty limited choice, especially if you're coming home from work late and want to eat something other than fast food or Italian. Fortunately, over the decades (does that ever make me feel old!) new restaurants, offering a variety of choices, have opened. These restaurants, old and new, have made Eagle Rock a more desirable place in which to live and work. As Colorado Boulevard has cleaned up, home values have gone up. Where once there were only a few cars parked on Colorado Boulevard, because there is no need to park in front of empty storefronts, now one might actually have to walk a block or two.

Removing the limited hours for business operations within the Specific Plan area along both sides of

Colorado Boulevard will allow businesses to operate just as they do every place else in Los Angeles! It will create a level playing field rather than forcing those businesses who would like to locate along Colorado Boulevard to do so at a disadvantage to other businesses. Like the rest of the City, those businesses on Eagle Rock Boulevard south of the intersections of Colorado and Eagle Rock Boulevards have no limitations placed on their operating hours by a Specific Plan.

In taking the position that the limits on business hours of operation should be removed from the Specific Plan, I did take into consideration the concerns voiced by Phil Barbaro, a member of the committee which provided citizen input to the original Specific Plan and a former member of the East Area Planning Commission and Rebecca Niederlander, a resident of Eagle Rock for many years, who lives a few houses off Colorado Boulevard. Mr. Barbaro pointed out that the reason the limitations were placed on the hours of operation of businesses in the Specific Plan area was to protect the residents near Colorado Boulevard from adverse impacts caused by those businesses. He went on to state that times had changed and it was now time to re-examine the hours of operation and if changes were made, to proceed cautiously. Ms. Niederlander also voiced concerns about the change, wanting to be sure that controls were available to protect the neighborhood before changes were made.

Removing the business hour limitations from the Specific Plan does not mean that business hours are no longer regulated. One of the biggest concerns is the location of businesses selling alcohol for on-site (restaurants and bars) and off-site (liquor stores, markets, and mini-markets) consumption. In order for any business to serve or sell liquor, including beer and wine, a Conditional Use Permit must first be obtained from the City. This means filing an application with the City, which is sent to the ERNC for its recommendation, a public hearing before a representative from the City Planning Department, with an opportunity to appeal the decision to the East Area Planning Commission. If a Conditional Use Permit is approved, the City usually places limitations on the hours alcohol can be sold, limits the hours the business can be open, and requires the applicant to apply for a new Conditional Use Permit or submit to a review through the Plan Approval Process after from one to five years of operation. This gives both the Community and the City an opportunity to review the operation of the applicant and determine if there have been any problems. If there have been problems, the Community can ask for additional conditions for its protection, or that the Conditional Use Permit not be extended. In addition, if there are problems with the operation before the review period, the City can initiate revocation of the Conditional Use Permit.

In addition the community is protected by regulations the City places on Commercial Corner Developments. A Commercial Corner Development is defined as any commercially used corner lot located in a C or M zone in Height District Nos. 1, 1-L, 1-VL or 1-XL, the lot line of which adjoins, is separated only by an alley adjacent to, or is located across the street from, any portion of a lot zoned A or R or improved with any residential use (except in an M zone). The entire Specific Plan area is zoned for Commercial uses and a large portion of it is in Height District No. 1-XL.

A Commercial Corner Development which contains a commercial use not otherwise subject to a conditional use approval which operates between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.; contains an amusement enterprise (video games, pinball machines, etc.), and does not comply with the requirements of Section 12.22A.23 of the Municipal Code, which deals with height of buildings, percent of windows on the street frontage, and front yard setbacks, must go through a Conditional Use process. This means that any corner property in most of the Specific Plan area that would be open later than 11

p.m. and does not have to go through a Conditional Use for the sale of alcohol or other required conditional use, would have to go through a Conditional Use process based on being open after 11 p.m. It is the case that businesses in between the corner lots could remain open later than 11 p.m. if they were not otherwise restricted, but one has to ask why would they?

It is also important to remember that the regulations of the Specific Plan regarding uses, setbacks, height, facade design, and signs, among other things, would continue to apply and would supersede less stringent requirements of the municipal code. New mini-mall developments would still be prohibited by the Specific Plan.

Based on a collaboration and joint sponsorship between TERA, the DRB (Design Review Board), the Chamber of Commerce and the ERNC, a public meeting was held on August 6, dedicated specifically for the community to provide feedback on this topic. All four of the sponsoring organizations actively promoted the event, seeking a broad based community response. According to David Green, President of the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, there will be another discussion and vote on whether or not the operating hours of businesses in the Specific Plan area should be changed at the next ERNC Meeting on September 2, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock. We all heard the various speakers and saw the community speak very strongly in favor of eliminating business hours from the Specific Plan. It seems redundant to hold a second community meeting to address a topic on which the community found such consensus. Of course there is no harm in making sure everyone has the opportunity to express their view. I am urging you to participate in the ERNC meeting. When the ERNC determines its position, it should give the voice of the community, as heard at the August 6th meeting, the importance it deserves and not make a decision based only on the opinions expressed at the ERNC meeting.

Please contact Councilmember Huizar and his staff, and the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and tell them how you feel about the limited hours of operation in the Specific Plan. Should businesses in the Specific Plan area be required to close between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.? If not, should the restriction on operating hours be removed, giving businesses in the Specific Plan area the same advantages permitted in other commercial zones in Eagle Rock and the rest of the City? If you believe limited hours of operation for businesses in the Specific Plan area should be imposed but should be changed from those currently in effect, what should those operating hours be? Make your opinion known!

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Please copy TERA on your correspondence so that we can keep track of how the community feels about this issue.

Calling All Artists

Around Town

Ninth Garfield Heights Tour Celebrates Architectural Diversity  
Sunday, October 5 from noon to 5 p.m.

For its ninth tour, the Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association (GHNA) celebrates the 15th anniversary of its landmark district designation with a special home tour featuring five extraordinary residences.

Scheduled for Sunday, October 5 from Noon to 5 p.m., the tour will capture the diversity of Garfield Heights' residential architecture. Pasadena's leading architects designed homes in the District, which reflects a variety of home sizes and types including Arts and Crafts, Period Revival, Queen Anne, Italianate, and Transitional styles.

All proceeds from the Home Tour support neighborhood improvement projects. Advance tickets are \$20; day of event tickets are \$25. Children's tickets (age 10 and under) are free. Tickets may be purchased before September 20 by mail to GHNA, P. O. Box 90322 , Pasadena, CA 91109, or by Pay Pal through the GHNA website, [www.garfieldheights.org](http://www.garfieldheights.org). Tickets will be held at Will Call at the ticket house, 1207 N. Marengo Ave., starting at 11:45 a.m. the day of the tour.

Garfield Heights is located one mile north of the I-210 (Foothill) Freeway, north of Mountain Street



between Los Robles and Marengo Avenues. The neighborhood traces its history to 1881, when two Iowa farmers purchased raw acreage in what is now Garfield Heights. The neighborhood began to take shape by 1893, and the district joined Pasadena in 1904. Many of the area's homes, built between 1890 and 1920, exude the sense of grace that permeates the district today. For more information, call 626-345-9796 or e-mail [ghnaboard@garfieldheights.org](mailto:ghnaboard@garfieldheights.org). Full details are available for viewing at [www.garfieldheights.org](http://www.garfieldheights.org).

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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

We are hosting today our Community Grand Opening at our Highland Park District Office, which has been a year in the making as we maintained the historic integrity of the building. In addition, we are having our Latin Jazz and Music Festival at Sycamore Grove Park on both Saturday and Sunday. My staff have been busy making sure that we will have a wonderful time this weekend enjoying one of Summer's final weekends as we head into the Labor Day holiday next week.

This week in City Hall, we attended the retirement of Chief Legislative Analyst Gerry Miller, appointed Rushmore Cervantes to lead our Housing Department, reinstated two rewards.

Finally, we are releasing our first annual community report, "Year One of Making District One Number One," today and it will be available at our offices.

Gilbert A. Cedillo

Councilmember, District 1

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## COMMUNITY REPORT

Year One of Making District One Number One

Today, we received our hard copy of our first annual report, "Year One of Making District One Number One". I am excited about sharing all of the hard work we have been doing to make the First District Number One!

We will distribute the report through our offices and locations throughout the First District, and will have an electronic copy available when we launch our new website right after the Labor Day holiday so you may download it.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Retirement of Gerry Miller

(Photo Credit: Commissioner Kristopher Ortega )

On Wednesday, Chief Legislative Analyst Gerry Miller retired from working nearly 30 years. Mr. Miller has made significant contributions to the people of Los Angeles through weighing in on complicated decisions and delivering valuable information for the Los Angeles City Council.

We send Mr. Miller our best wishes

Appointment of Rushmore D. Cervantes

(Photo Credit: @AngelenoRick)

The City Council approved the appointment of Rushmore Cervantes as General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department. Mr. Cervantes has been serving as interim General Manager where he manages, plans and directs all activities and operations to support safe and livable neighborhoods through the promotion, development and preservation of decent and affordable housing.

Mr. Cervantes has worked with the City of Los Angeles for over 20 years. Over the course of his City career, Rushmore has held a number of important positions including: Chief Deputy Controller for the City, General Manager of the El Pueblo Historical Monument Authority, and Assistant General Manager for the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging.

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## FIELD UPDATE

Community Grand Opening of Our District Office

This evening we are hosting our community grand opening of our Highland Park District Office located in the historic Masonic Temple building. It's been a year in the making with all of the construction needed to make this a valuable resource by providing constituent services. We were careful to maintain the historic integrity of the building, and are excited to finally to invite our resident to our office located at 5577 N. Figueroa Street, Highland Park.

The Grand Opening begins at 5:30 pm with a ribbon cutting scheduled at 6:30 pm. We will have a live Latin Jazz entertainment and light food and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend this evening, be sure to drop by and say hello to our hard working district staff.

Latin Jazz and Music Festival

Finally, we are having a wonderful and fun free Latin Jazz and Music Festival this weekend. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket for the grass so you can enjoy a great lineup of talented musicians. We are having a short program at 12:30 pm each day, so I hope you can make it and bring your family to this wonderful event.

If you take METRO Gold Line and show your TAP card, you will receive a 5% discount on food.

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